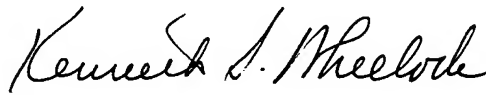


REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims to recite a Markush group of silicone gels and eliminated the silicone gel of Kilgour et al. from the group. Duplicative claims have been canceled.

Respectfully submitted:

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